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Thanks

- .. to those who attended this week's basic facts workshop for parents.
- .. to those who dropped by this week to pay term fees and maths whizz subscriptions.
- .. to those who sent their children to school on Wednesday dressed for our Korean flag .. your co-operation was much appreciated.
- .. to those amazing parents helping Mrs Abbott with the senior technology projects on a Friday afternoon ... we will acknowledge your contributions more fully next week.

People of the week

- .. our Korean students for all that you bring to our school and for your awesome powerpoints this week .. and our ESOL staff for organising Korea Day
- .. Mr D and those students who represented our school at the ANZAC commemorations last weekend.
- .. our school council for your enthusiasm for making our school a fun place to be .. and to the following students who have accepted positions on council .. Campbell (Chairperson), Sarah (Secretary), Sarah (Treasurer)
- .. Riley for making a special sacrifice for a friend recently. Well done Riley!

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

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| 7-9 Apr | Trikids programme |
| 16 Apr | 2014 Youth Summit |
| 17 April | Final day for term 1 (5 May - Commencement of term 2) |

Some reminders from last week

- .. please share the "safety at roadsides" message with your children and discuss with them any specific dangers on the route they take to school.
- .. advise the school office by 2:45 PM any changes to regular bus arrangements.
- .. support our school sponsors where you can
- .. we recommend a minimum of 2 Maths Whizz homework sessions per week for optimal gain.
- .. please get unpaid Maths Whizz subscriptions to school next week.
- .. some hockey shirts from last year still to be returned to school please.
- .. poppy week 14 April
- .. last day of term one 17.4 ... first day of term two 5.5

Overarching Virtue 2014

Remember ... if your child has had special victories in applying a positive attitude (especially to learning) please let us know so that we can celebrate these through the newsletter ... or even just so we can connect with them.

Payment of school contributions, activity fees etc

.. for those who have not yet paid are due next week please. Reminder notices will be sent home shortly. A reminder that there is a 10% discount for contributions paid in the first term. Any questions to Helen please.

Marae Noho

A weekend of learning and fun for the twelve families who participated in this event, produced the first verse and chorus of our school song. This will be shared in assembly next week. The words and translation are available on our school wiki.

Easter Raffle

The Junior children are raising money for an organisation called Experiencing Marine Reserves. They decided to do this after visiting the marine reserve themselves. We are running an Easter raffle with Easter baskets full of goodies as prizes. The tickets are \$2. If middle and senior school children would like to be in to win one of the Easter baskets, please bring your money to school. A junior child will come around to the classes to collect the money and put your name in the draw. The draw will be on Tuesday 15th April. A huge thank you from the Junior School for supporting our fundraising project.

Seniors Garden Project

The senior school are working on a Trash Garden project. They are using materials that would be thrown out, to create gardens & garden furniture. We would like to thank the following families: Fourie, Wiegersma and Whalens for the wood and pallet, the Whalens & Rickets for paint; Donnelly's and Crawfords for soil and compost. A big thank you to Bunnings for paint and Mitre 10 for nails, screws, hinges and wire. Thank you also to the parents and other family members who have given their time to assist and supervise students with their group projects. **We would appreciate your continued support next Thursday and Friday from 11:00am onwards.** We are also looking for 4-6 of the old terracotta bricks and old gumboots to use as planters. Any questions please to Mrs Abbott.

Mobile Ear Clinic

Will be located outside the Bush Road Medical Centre 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday 10 April. Pre-schoolers welcome. No appointments necessary.

Youth Summit (year 7 and 8)

Permission slips have been sent home today. Please get these to school next week.

Tri-Kids

Wednesday to Friday next week. It would be beneficial for all children (years 1 to 8) to bring running shoes and a change of clothes please. Parents are welcome to join us to watch the fun races on the Friday ... details to follow.

Year 5 and 6 camp

If any parents took photos or videos they are willing to share please send these to Mr Schuster via email or flashdrive. A shared lunch is planned for camp students and parents sometime within the next couple of weeks.

Maths Labs - FINAL DATE !!!

If your child has been in maths labs and you have received a recommendation for roll-over to next term, it is essential that you respond to this offer **no later than 7 April please**. We are reserving a limited number of slots for current students we believe would really benefit from a roll-over. **If we have not heard from you by 7 April these slots will be opened to other students during the week following.**

Bullying

Sorry .. pushed for time .. Next week will share what research seems to suggest are the best ways to combat bullying.

Lost - White Baby G Watch

Two weeks ago near the senior playground. If anyone has seen or knows where this could be, can you please contact the school office.

Finally

Saturday sport starts this weekend for many students. Best wishes for the season ahead. A huge thank you to those who have given up their precious time to take on coaching and team management roles .. this is not an easy job and you deserve full support. Please step forward to help coaches where you can and see them directly with any concerns.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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children, please support them



Community Notices

Garage Sale – Whangarei Choral Society, Sat 5th April, 7.30am, Christ Church Hall, Deveron St, Regent

Looking for a Good Home – Pure bred Labrador, 2 yrs old. Ph 4335965.

For Sale – Jack Russell uppy, male \$350. Ph Jenny 4355336 or 0273258617.

For Sale – Firewood dry shed stored totara \$90.00m² (minimum 2 metres). Ph Brad Martin 4335061 or 00274810450.

Piano – Upright piano looking for a good home. If interested please phone Ivy on 021 310 494

Quarry Arts School Holiday Programme - Wed 23rd April - Wednesday 30th April 9:30am-1:30pm, \$60 a day. Discounts for families and full enrolment. **Bookings essential** admin@quarryarts.org.

Quarry Arts After School Programme - Mondays and Tuesdays (beginning after the holidays) 4pm-5:30pm, \$20. **No bookings necessary - pay as you go** admin@quarryarts.org

Hurupaki Educare - April/May School Holiday Programme - Tuesday 22nd April to Thursday 24th April and Monday 28th April to Friday 2nd May = 8 days, 8.00am to 5.30pm, Hurupaki School Hall. Activities include a trip to the movies, ten pin bowling, party days, balloons, sports day, paper mill, along with other action packed days. OSCAR accredited, families can apply for WINZ assistance - conditions apply. Discounts available for two or more children from the one family. For more info go to www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz or contract Christin on 0274-821331 or info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz for more information.

